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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 06 February 2004

Response to Applicant's Amendment

2. The amendment filed on 06 February 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

3. This amendment contains claims 13-17 which were cancelled in a previous amendment in Paper No. 06. There is no mention in Paper No. 8 or 9 to revive these cancelled claims. Therefore, the current amendment is not entered due to claims 13-17 labeled as "previously presented" instead of "cancelled" as is necessary from the previous amendment. Furthermore, the numbering of claims must be in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

4. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stefano Karmis whose telephone number is (703) 305-8130. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (703) 308-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Respectfully Submitted
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